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That Valentine Order

Last January Commissioner of Indian Affairs Valentine issued an order forbidding teachers in any of the government Indian schools to wear the garb of any religious order. This order was suspended by Secretary of the Interior Fletcher and the matter referred to President Taft. The president has now permanently revoked the Valentine order, accompanying it, however, with the provision that, while the teachers now employed will not be forbidden to wear their religious garb, that privilege shall be denied to any persons hereafter entering the service.

This order is so characteristic of the president's broadminded fairness that it ought to meet with general approval, and it is disappointing to notice that in some quarters it has evoked criticism. This criticism is based on the entirely proper theory that all government schools should be strictly non-sectarian; but it also is based on lack of information as to the peculiar circumstances which called out this particular order.

The circumstances are these: Long before the government entered upon the policy of establishing reservation schools for the Indians, various denominations had taken up the work, the Catholic church among others. These Catholic schools were taught by Sisters of Charity who were required by the vows of their order to wear certain costumes. A few years ago the government changed its policy and decided to take over all the Indian schools. In doing this it naturally and properly retained the teachers already engaged in those schools wherever they were willing to remain. The Sisters of Charity were no exception, but were left in charge of their school rooms, a consideration to which they were certainly entitled, in view of the fact that they were first in the field. These women could not discard the dress of their order without violating their vows and therefore to bar all teachers from wearing such garb would have been equivalent to dismissing them from the service.

The president did not believe that this ought to be done. At the same time, he did not believe that the custom should be indefinitely perpetuated because he takes the view that every other American citizen does as a matter of course that all government schools should be wholly non-sectarian. He therefore issued the order as above noted, an order which, while doing justice to the teachers already in the service, recognizes at the same time that even the appearance of sectarianism in the Indian schools must be avoided as soon as it can be fairly and justly done.

It is difficult to see how a delicate question could have been more wisely and justly settled.

Isthmian Canal In Embryo

A correspondent of the New York Sun calls attention to the fact that the great German poet Goethe, who had such universality of genius, called attention to the future in that the piercing of the isthmus of Panama would one day revolutionize the currents of the world's trade. The poet even predicted that the great work would be done by the United States, then an infant republic.

A much earlier anticipation of a great navigable transit across the isthmus precedes that by a full century, and is associated with a great name now almost forgotten. That name is William Patterson, the Scotchman, whose genius excogitated and actually carried out the plan for the establishment of the Bank of England. This remarkable man, indefatigable in his mental fertility, organized a colony and led it to the isthmus of Panama, confident that he would establish there a settlement which in time would be a commanding offset to the dominant Spanish influence under which the whole region stagnated in misery and vice. Among the projects which he desired to exploit was the cutting of a canal across the Darien section from sea to sea, which he believed would make Great Britain the greatest commercial power in Spanish America.

The colony was a terrible failure, but Patterson never gave up his confidence in the future of his visionary canal. It could not have been accomplished in that age, but his eloquent and striking argument is still extant in his very interesting writings, among which it may be said will also be found a completely formulated theory, anticipating Adam Smith's revolutionary masterpiece and on very much the same lines of logic.

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HIRAM BILYEU AND MISS BAWDEN TO WED SUNDAY

POPULAR TONOPAHAN WILL WED IN SALT LAKE CITY ON OCTOBER 6

Hiram Bilyeu, one of the proprietors of the Tonopah Taxicab company, slipped one over on his many friends yesterday when he quietly took his departure for Salt Lake City, where, on October 6, he will forsake single life and enter into the matrimonial state. On that date he and Miss Valencia Bawden will wed. After a short honeymoon the couple will return to this city to make their future home.

Miss Bawden is one of the popular members of Tonopah's younger set, and is prominent in musical circles here. For several years she has been organist at St. Patrick's Catholic church. She is universally popular among her wide circle of friends and acquaintances. With her mother, Mrs. L. Bawden, she departed for Salt Lake a month ago and has since been visiting with relatives.

Mr. Bilyeu is likewise popular among his friends in Tonopah. He has been engaged in the automobile business for the last year. It has been rumored lately that he was shortly to enter into married life, but managed to keep the fact of the approaching wedding unconfirmed until his departure. Then he only confided in a few intimate friends, and somehow the news leaked out. Not only is Mr. Bilyeu prominent in business circles, but he is likewise prominently identified with the local lodge I. O. O. F., holding the office of noble grand at the present time. His fraternity associates and friends will provide with a hearty reception upon his return with his bride.

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LAW AND MOTION CALENDAR CALLED DISTRICT COURT

NUMEROUS CASES ARE SET FOR TRIAL THIS MORNING BY JUDGE AVERILL

Judge Averill, presiding in the district court, this morning designated the respective dates and times named for the trial of complaints and the hearing of motions and demurrers in the following entitled cases:

Cecile P. Munn vs. H. C. Schmidt, November 6.

Cassius Gillette vs. John G. Mitchell, November 26.

Charles Hay vs. F. B. Weir, December 2, jury trial.

M. W. Kelleher vs. Tonopah Belmont Development company, October 21.

James Golden vs. H. A. McKim, October 11.

James H. Monteath vs. Irving McDonald, administrator, December 3, jury trial.

The following named cases were set for this week:

Monday—Estate of James F. Dennis, petition.

Estate of A. J. Guilfoyle, accounting.

Hynes vs. Shemanaki, motion.

McCrimmon vs. McCrimmon, trial.

Tuesday—Hunter vs. C. Mears, estate, trial.

Naturalization hearings.

Wednesday—Wilkes Rec. vs. Crumley, trial.

Thursday—First National bank of San Francisco vs. Marks, trial.

U. S. P. & G. vs. Marks, motion.

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